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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 September 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CS-100)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/6/2006 & 8/3/2007
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claim 1, 5-6 & 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaiwa (20020156646) in view of Mattila (2004/0254724).

Kaiwa discloses:

- A communication section that receives from a positioning terminal transmission data and a carrier wave from a positioning SAT signals (see page 3, paragraph 46-48)
- A position computing section that computes a position of the positioning terminal based on the information sending out by a mobile terminal and SAT signals (see page 3, paragraph 47).
- A certificate generating section that generates a document on position information that is obtained by the position computing section (see page 4, paragraph 70)
- Wherein the certificate generating section, upon receipt of a position guarantee request made from a user terminal, certifies the position information by the position computing section (see page 4-5, paragraph 71-77).

Kaiwa does not teach the mobile terminal transmitting encoded data and the server having a decoder to decode the transmitting data. Mattila teaches:

- A communication section that receives from a positioning terminal transmission data including encoded data of a positioning code and a carrier wave from a positioning SAT by using identification code of the positioning terminal (see page 6, paragraph 79-83 and page 8, paragraph 111).
- A decoding section that stores the identification code of the positioning terminal and decodes the transmission data by using the identification code (see page 9, paragraph 115).

It would have been obvious to modify Kaiwa by incorporating the teaching of Mattila's system to have a communication section to receive encoded data from mobile terminal and SATs and a decoding section decodes the transmission data and stores the identification code of the positioning terminal so as the server is enable to perform the terminal position with a certification at any place of the terminal traveled.

2. Claim 2-4, 7 & 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaiwa and Mattila as applied to claim 1, 5 & 8 above, and further in view of Troxler (2008/0004798).

With regard to claim 2 & 9, Troxler teaches that the communication section receives position information of a device located at another position and time information, certifies the position information and one of information about the device indicating the another position and the time information (see page 7, paragraph 62).

It would have been obvious to modify Kaiwa by incorporating the teaching of Kaiwa and Mattila's system and further the teaching of Troxler's system to have a communication section receiving position information at a device located at another position and time information, certifies, and indicating that position and time so as the server is enable to perform the terminal position with a certification at another place and time of the terminal traveled.

With regard to claim 3 & 11, Troxler teaches that the location engaging the DGPS device, RTK, inertial and compass augmentations so that the communication section receives quality information about positioning accuracy from the positioning terminal (see page 5, paragraph 47) which meets the claim.

With regard to claim 4, 7 & 12, Troxler teaches:

- A receiving section that receives a position signal indicating a position of the positioning SAT (see page 10, paragraph 82).
- A signal accumulating section that stores the position signals received by the receiving section (see page 11, paragraph 83).
- Wherein the position computing section judges the transmission data of the positioning terminal by using the position signal stored, and computes a position of the positioning terminal on determining authenticity of the transmission data from the positioning terminal (see page 10, paragraph 78).

With regard to claim 10, Mattila teaches that the server sending out a message to have status codes such as "accepted or service access denied" (see page 11, paragraph 135-137) which meets the claim.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NGA X. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-5217. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TARCZA H. THOMAS can be reached on (571) 272-6979. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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